

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please DELETE the heading on page 1, at line 1.

Please insert the following section heading on page 1 at line 4:

**-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --**

Please replace the section heading on page 1, at line 5, with the following section heading:

**TECHNICAL FIELD** -- Field of the Invention --

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 7, with the following replacement paragraph:

-- The present invention relates to the field of fiber-optic connection technology. It concerns a fiber-optic plug-in connector system according to the the preamble of claim 1. --

Please DELETE the paragraph on page 1, at lines 12-14, in its entirety.

Please replace the section heading on page 1, at line 16, with the following section heading:

**PRIOR ART** -- Description of Related Art --

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, beginning at line 20 with the following replacement paragraph:

-- The object is achieved by the features of claim 1 in their entirety. The essence of the invention is to achieve a low overall height and at the same time a high connector density by a multi-part adapter housing in which the guiding sleeves necessary for the plug-in connection are held directly between the housing parts. --

Please DELETE the paragraph on page 6, at line 12, in its entirety.

Please replace the section heading on page 6, at line 14 with the following replacement section heading:

**-- BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE FIGURES** DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Please replace the section heading on page 7, at line 5 with the following replacement section heading:

**-- WAYS OF IMPLEMENTING THE INVENTION** -- DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --

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Please DELETE on page 13, lines 30 through 38, and page 14 in its entirety,  
entitled LIST OF DESIGNATIONS.